

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method for calibrating a transport scanner apparatus arranged for scanning a two-dimensional original and forming an electronic image thereof for subsequent usage in an information handling system, said scanning and forming of the electronic image being executed under the control of device parameters, which comprises:

scanning a test original, provided with a test image, and forming an electronic original image thereof, wherein

the test image contains at least one marking at a predetermined position, and automatically calibrating the apparatus based on said at least one marking in an electronic bit map image formed therefrom.

2. The method as claimed in Claim 1, utilizing a zoom factor in the transport direction, wherein

the test original, contains a leading edge and comprises two sides of at least one marking in known parallel displacement and parallel with the leading edge, and the method comprises the step of assessing a correction value for the zoom factor based on the actual parallel displacement of the two sides in the electronic image.

3. The method as claimed in Claim 2, wherein at least one marking on the test image has at least one side flush with an edge of the test original; and in the step of scanning the test original, a greater area than the area of the test original is scanned.

4. The method as claimed in Claim 3, in which a CCD is used for scanning the two-dimensional original and features a leading edge timing signal for initiating the read out of the CCD, wherein

the test original contains a marking with one side flush with the leading edge and wherein assessing a correction value for the leading edge timing signal is assessed based on the position of the one side in the electronic image in relation to the actually used leading edge timing signal.

5. The method as claimed in Claim 3, in which a CCD is used for scanning the two-dimensional original and features a trailing edge timing signal for stopping the read out of the CCD, wherein

the test original contains a marking with one side flush with the trailing edge; and wherein a correction value for the trailing edge timing signal is assessed based on the position of the one side in the electronic image in relation to the actually used leading edge timing signal.

6. The method according to claim 2, in which the zoom factor is perpendicular to the transport direction, wherein

the test original comprises two sides of at least one marking parallel to the transport direction, and wherein

a correction value for the zoom factor perpendicular to the transport direction is assessed, based on a ratio of the distance between the two sides in the electronic image and the actual distance on the test original.

7. The method according to claim 1, in which the apparatus features a left or right margin position stop, wherein

the test original utilizes a marking with one side flush with the left or right edge parallel to the transport movement; and

for each line recording is initiated at a first available pixel element of the CCD or recording is stopped at a last available pixel element; and

a correction value for the left or right margin signal is assessed based on the difference between the first or last available pixel element and the one side of the marking, with the one side being flush with the left or the right edge, respectively.

8. The method of claim 1, wherein the test original is made of a material that has an appropriately conforming and constant size, and carries at least one marking for automatically calibrating the apparatus.

9. The method according to Claim 8, wherein markings with a side flush with an edge of the test original are obtained by cutting the corresponding edge of the test original.

10. An apparatus having a transport scanner facility for scanning a two-dimensional original and for forming an electronic image thereof for subsequent usage in an information handling system, said apparatus comprising:

calibration means for calibrating device parameters that control the

scanning operation by means of a test original, wherein said calibration means includes processing means for processing the electronic image obtained by scanning the test original for deriving from at least one marking in the electronic image correction values for the device parameters, and

means for correcting the device parameters based on the derived correction values.